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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
-- IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS

1. CUSTOMS REPORTS INDICATE POSSIBLE PHILIPPINE MISUSE OF THE 250 DOLLAR EXEMPTION IN SENDING MULTIPLE SHIPMENTS WITH COMPONENTS EACH VALUED UNDER 250 DOLLARS FROM ONE CONSIGNOR TO ONE CONSIGNEE. EACH OF SUCH SHIPMENTS IS VISAED AS EXEMPT AND HAS SEPERATE BILL OF LADING. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE ENTRY BY ROSEIDON MARINE PRODUCTS, MANILA, TO D AND P RUERZO, L.S. INVOLVED THREE SHIPMENTS OF BLOUSES VALUED SEPARATELY AT 247 DOLLARS, 245 DOLLARS AND 2,967 DOLLARS. THE SHIPMENTS UNDER 250 DOLLARS WERE VISAED AS EXEMPT WHILE THE LARGER SHIPMENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A REGULAR VISA. CUSTOMS IS PERMITTING ENTRY OF SUCH ENTRIES SINCE
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THEY ARE PROPERLY VISAED AND EACH SHIPMENT HAS ITS BILL OF LADING. PLEASE ALERT APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS TO OUR CONCERN AND ASK THEM TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT THIS EXEMPTION IS USED PROPERLY. WE MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM DURING MAY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AGREEMENT ON PHILIPPINE TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT

TEXTILE PRODUCTS INCLUDES, BESIDES TOTALLY HAND CROHETED GARMENTS, PRODUCTS OF THE "CATSA GROUP." THESE ARE DEFINED AS HAVING "HEAVILY HAND CROCHET WORK" IN COMBINATION WITH BATIK FABRIC OR OTHER COARSE COTTON FABRIC IN GREIGE OR DYED. U.S. HAS BEEN RECEIVING CERTIFIED EXEMPT GOODS WHICH DO NOT MEET THE DEFINITION, AND ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TRADITIONAL. AN EXAMPLE IS A KNIT T-SHIRT WITH SOME CROCHET WORK. PLEASE REQUEST GOP TO EXERCISE TIGHTER CONTROL OVER TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE HANDICRAFT PRODUCTS TO ELIMINATE THOSE GOODS WHICH DO NOT MEET THE DEFINITION.

3. WE HAVE PROCEEDED ON ASSUMPTION THAT THE FIVE SIGNATURES ATTACHED TO THE MARCH 8 GARMENTS AND TEXTILE EXPORT OFFICE LETTER ARE AUTHORIZED FOR BOTH ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION FOR EXEMPTIONS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THAT IS NOT THE CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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